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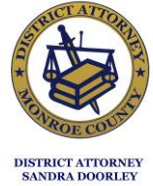
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Weekly Newsletter



Welcome to the weekly newsletter from Monroe County District Attorney Sandra Doorley.

Message from Sandra Doorley

What are our numbers?

We are frequently asked about data and crime statistics occurring in our community. What do record homicides mean comparatively? Is crime up or down? What about violent crime?

Listed below is the information collected from the Monroe County Crime Analysis Center, or MCAC. MCAC is an incredible resource and my office, and all of the police departments in our county, rely on MCAC daily.

*Below is this year's percentage change **compared to the 5-year average** as of December 3, 2021, in Rochester:*

- *Homicides are up 126%*
- *Motor Vehicle Thefts are up 56%*
- *Aggravated Assaults are up 9%*
- *Rapes are down 45%*
- *Robberies are down 19%*
- *Burglaries are down 35%*
- *Larcenies are down 26%*

Overall, crime is down 17%. This does not change the fact that a 126% increase in homicides from the 5-year average is incredibly concerning and devastating. 79 homicides in the city and 87 in the county affect more than just our public safety numbers. Each homicide in our community has a shattering ripple effect. These are 87 families who have lost a loved one and whose lives are forever changed. These are parents, children, siblings and friends.

We are always looking to put out more numbers for the community and better ways to collect data. Stay tuned for more transparency on this front in the coming months.

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Homicide Update

So far in 2021:

City of Rochester Total: 79

Monroe County Total: 87

Highlights from the MCDA's Office

Jamie Prescott was indicted on Murder in the 2nd Degree in relation to the death of Anthony Lovett on November 29, 2021. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Eleanor Biggers, of the Major Felony Bureau.

Lance Bullard was indicted on Murder in the 2nd Degree, two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree and Menacing in the 2nd Degree in relation to the murder of David Yaw on October 31, 2021. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Elizabeth Buckley, Chief of the Local Courts Bureau.

Ronald Brown and **Donald Brown** were indicted on Murder in the 2nd Degree, two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree and Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 3rd Degree in relation to the murder of Armani Allen on November 11, 2021. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Matthew Schwartz, Chief of the Special Investigations Bureau and Assistant District Attorney Constance Patterson, of the Major Felony Bureau.

George Haag was indicted on Grand Larceny in the 2nd Degree and Burglary in the 3rd Degree in relation to a theft at the Memorial Art Gallery on January 31, 2021. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney John Marsella, of the Public Corruption and Economic Crimes Bureau.

Mori Prout was indicted on Attempted Assault in the 2nd Degree and Torturing or Injuring Animals/Failure to Provide Sustenance for events occurring on or about August 6, 2021. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Bianca D'Angelo, of the Major Felony Bureau.

Richard Lawrence was indicted on Robbery in the 1st Degree, Robbery in the 2nd Degree and Assault in the 2nd Degree for allegations related to an armed robbery of a Rite Aid and assault of the responding officer on November 9, 2021. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Megan Hausner of the Major Felony Bureau.

Kharye Jarvis was indicted on two counts of Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the 3rd Degree, two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree and Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the 5th Degree for events occurring on November 9, 2021. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Merrick Sadler, of the Special Investigations Bureau.

Community Alert

Monroe County is seeing an increase in telephone scams targeting senior citizens. The scammers frequently request cash bail from their victims, posing as love ones. There are active cases in our Public Corruption/Economic Crimes Bureau. Please be diligent when anyone seeks out bank transfers and personal information. Spread the word, especially to your parents and grandparents!

MCDA in the Community

Monroe County District Attorney Sandra Doorley and Assistant District Attorney Ray Benitez, Chief of the DWI Bureau, attended the annual Stop-DWI Lights on for Life Motorcade. This event serves to remember the many victims of DWI and to remind our community to make smart decisions before driving this holiday season. Remember, when you feel different, you drive different!



Monroe County District Attorney Sandra Doorley joined the Crime Victims Assistance Committee of the Rochester Teachers Association to discuss current public safety measures and the rise in crime among teenagers in our community. Thank you to the teachers and retired teachers for all you are doing for the youth of our community!



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NYS Association of the Chiefs of Police

The link below will take you to the quarterly magazine of the New York State Association of the Chiefs of Police. Cannabis Reform is highlighted in this issue, where you will hear from Monroe County District Attorney Sandra Doorley and other state-wide experts on the sometimes confusing legislation.

<https://www.nychiefs.org/assets/ChiefsChronicle/Chiefs%20Chronicle%20Dec%202021.pdf>

MCDA in the News

<https://www.democratandchronicle.com/story/news/2021/12/09/andre-w-forsythe-dwi-case-former-greece-police-chief-judges-recused/6420546001/>

<https://www.whec.com/rochester-new-york-news/all-greece-town-judges-recuse-themselves-from-the-former-chief-dwi-case/6327145/>

<https://www.whec.com/rochester-new-york-news/3-arraigned-on-murder-charges-in-2-separate-rochester-homicides/6324944/?cat=565>

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<https://www.democratandchronicle.com/story/news/2021/11/01/matthew-bittner-of-penfield-ny-dies-after-being-struck-by-vehicle-driver-charged/6230483001/>

<https://www.democratandchronicle.com/story/news/2021/12/07/three-rochester-doctors-accused-impregnating-patients-own-sperm-morris-wortman/8888905002/>

<https://www.rochesterfirst.com/crime/driver-charged-with-manslaughter-in-fatal-pedestrian-crash-involving-penfield-student-in-rochester/>



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